

(Approved at the October 17-18, 2024 BOT Meetings)

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC**

**October Board of Trustees Prep Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Zoom Video Conference**

Presiding:

Renée B. Romberger, Chair, Board of Trustees

Board Members Participating via Zoom – Trustee Renée Romberger (chair), Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, Shawn Holland, Matt Klein, Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson (vice chair), Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch (secretary) and Neysa Williams (late)

Board Members Absent – Trustees Henrietta Golding, David Hay and Derrick Williams

President’s Cabinet Participating via Zoom – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Mark Berry, Courtney Howard, John Loonan, Michelle McGrew, Ron Menchaca, Matt Roberts and Mark Staples

President’s Cabinet Absent – Alicia Caudill, Jimmie Foster, **Dan Frezza?** and Paul Patrick

Others Participating via Zoom – Elizabeth Kassebaum, Betty Craig and Joh-nette Brown (IT Representative), Wendy Koreyva and JoAnn Throckmorton

Welcome/Call to Order

Chair Romberger welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

“Welcome everyone to our “prep” meeting for the October 17-18, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.

As you will recall, we will continue the meeting traditionally held a week or so prior to each quarterly Board meeting, but it will be this Board of Trustees Prep Meeting instead of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting.

All Board members will participate in the “Prep” meetings, giving them an opportunity to review and discuss their respective committee’s agenda items for the upcoming Board meeting.”

Brief Recap of October 17-18, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

Chair Romberger shared a brief recap of the Meeting Schedule for the October 17-18, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.

Wednesday's events include:

- Sisters of Septima Program
- Phi Beta Kappa Reception
- Ansonborough Reception

Thursday's Schedule includes:

- Thursday's meeting will begin with a Vision, Strategy and Priorities Session on "Academic Excellence" led by Provost Suzanne Austin.
- Following lunch, the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee; Property Committee; Academic Affairs Committee; Student Affairs and Athletics Committee; and Development, Alumni, Governmental and External Relations Committee meetings.
- Former Chair and Trustee David Hay's Portrait will be unveiled at 4:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall.
- At 5:00 p.m., the Board will go to the TD Arena to watch the Men's Basketball Practice and then to dinner with President Hsu at the Muse Restaurant, 82 Society Street.

Friday's Schedule includes:

- Friday's meeting will begin with a "Moment in History" presentation.
- Three retired Board members will be recognized for their service as a member of the Board of Trustees – Trustee Emeritus Demetria Clemons and Trustee Emeritus John Wood will attend the Board meeting; as was his preference, Trustee Emeritus John Busch was recognized by email.
- Reports from the Alumni Association Board President, the Foundation Board of Directors Chair, the Charleston Athletic Fund President, Faculty Senate Chair, and the Staff Advisory Committee to the President Chair.
- The Board meeting will continue with the Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee and Audit, Governance and Governmental Affairs Committee Meetings.
- The Board meeting will continue with the election of Board Officers and Trustees Emeriti, followed by the Board of Trustees Committee Chairs' reports; committee resolutions/motions, as needed, for the Board's consideration/approval; the Board Chair's Report; the President's Report; and Executive Session.
- Adjournment at approximately 2:00 p.m.

For the record, Chair Romberger noted that "Committee Chairs are not expected to include dashboard reports at every committee meeting. The expectation is that the Committee Chairs will continue to check with their respective committee liaisons to focus on the Strategic Plan and provide updated dashboard information as needed.

While we want to stay on schedule, we always allow for some flexibility for some committee meeting dashboard reports that may run longer than others.

We are committed to an open and transparent process towards Good Governance and Best Practices with our meeting structure changes going forward."

Board Committee Reports

Board Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs reviewed their respective Committee Meeting Agendas for the October 17-18, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting.

- Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee – Committee Chair Laurin Burch
- Property Committee – Committee Vice Chair Brian Stern
- Academic Affairs Committee – Committee Chair Penny Rosner

Student Affairs and Athletics Committee – Committee Chair Shawn Holland
Development, Alumni and External Relations Committee – Committee Chair Beth Burke
Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee – Mark Berry (Committee Chair Neysa Williams
was late joining the meeting)
Audit, Governance and Governmental Relations Committee – Committee Chair Tav Swarat

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Beth Burke, and seconded by Trustee Tav Swarat, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 a.m. All in favor.